



MINUTES October 26, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Batton, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children to order at 5:13 pm, in the large conference room at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Senior Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Present:

Pierre Batton, 1st District Representative, Co-Chair
Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair

Amber Hines, *9th District Youth*
Helen Ingram, *Education*
Marty Isozaki, *Job Training*
Harry Koulos, *3rd District Youth*
Mackenzie Martin, *5th District Youth*
Jeanetta McAlpin, *Social Services*
Jon Meyer, *LBUSD Board Member*
Victor Perez, *Health*

Phillip Penn, *8th District Youth*
Marc Rothenberg, *Juvenile Justice*
Kevin Scott, *Youth Enrichment*
Mary Soth, *Early Childhood Development*
Chelsii Summerville, *4th District Youth*
Crystal Palatto, *7th District Youth*
Jessica Quintana, *Parent*

Absent:

Sothea Chhay, *6th District Youth* (excused)
Lauren Perry, *2nd District Youth* (excused)

Staff:

Cynthia Fogg, Superintendent, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Andrew Romero, Youth Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Christina Santos, Research and Data Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Nathan Esparza, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Guests:

Cecile Walters, Workforce Development
Veronica Servin, *8th District Representative*
Dominic Strialli, *3rd District Representative*
Tim Patton, *5th District Representative*
Jon Pierce, *5th District Representative*
Bob Cables, Executive Director YMCA
Sean Daniels, YMCA Youth Institute
Chrissy Marshal, Bureau Manager CRP
Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Councilmember Frank Colonna

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Ingram and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the August 24, 2005 Commission on Youth and Children minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS

Commissioner Jessica Quintana made a brief presentation on one of the Youth Fund projects, but due to technical problems, was unable to show it at that time.

Several Commissioners commented on the new facilities the meeting was being held in. There will be a Diabetes Walk on March 6th, and Commissioners were invited to attend.

Superintendent Fogg reminded those Commissioners attending the Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women that they need to pick up their tickets from Mr. Romero. The tickets are provided by Congresswoman ...-McDonald.

Councilmember Frank Colonna spoke to thank the Commission for their work on their suggestions for the State and Federal Legislative Agendas. He discussed working with the Commission on the agendas in the future as well. Councilmember Colonna is primarily involved with the Federal Agenda, which is important as the City receives federal funds for a variety of programs. Councilmember Colonna discussed several key issues of importance and thoughts on suggestions on issues discussed by the Commission in previous meetings and at the Executive Committee. He specifically discussed several workforce development options and health issues that he would like to address.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

As usual, the Superintendent's monthly report was included in the agenda packet.

A delegation from Long Beach will be attending a celebration in Washington D.C. to recognize the City of Long Beach being selected as one of America's Promise 100 Best Communities for Young People. Four delegates will be sent, including Commission Co-Chair Pierre Batton and Superintendent of Youth Services, Cynthia Fogg. Miss Fogg showed a video produced by CHORAL that highlighted Long Beach's response to victims of Hurricane Katrina. This video was part of Long Beach's application to become a regional finalist for America's Promise.

An award was presented to several members of CHORAL, Shaun, Bob, and Paris, for their outstanding help with the video, and work in helping the Commission with their new logos.

V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

Co-Chair Batton talked the Lights On Afterschool event October 8 at Caesar Chavez Park. There were several events and awards, including awards for athletics and a talent portion of the event.

Co-Chair Turrentine discussed a letter from Chris Burcham discussing the reduction in library operating hours. She gave the new schedule of operating hours to Cynthia Fogg to distribute to the Commissioners via e-mail. Co-Chair Turrentine also discussed future meeting timelines, and will be moving the November commission meeting to one week earlier. It will now be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 so that it does not conflict with Thanksgiving. The Commission will also be going dark for its December meeting.

VI. REPORTS

a. Committees

I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Commissioners Turrentine and Batton, Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Turrentine discussed Tom Modica's presentation on the State and Federal Legislative Agendas, and that due to time constraints, a letter was sent with recommendations from the Executive Committee, rather than the full Commission. Copies of the letter were distributed to the Commissioners. Phil T. Hester indicated that the City Manager has a copy of the recommendations, and is transmitting it to City Council.

II. PROFILE PROJECT COMMITTEE

Superintendent Fogg also discussed that she had just been issued the 2005 Kids Count Databook, which is what the Children's Planning Council uses as a template for the data and indicators in the outcome areas. However, in the book, only two pages are relevant to California. Cynthia provided copies of those two pages to the Commissioners.

III. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE Committee Co-Chairs Chhay and McAlpin

Did not meet

IV. Long Beach Youth Fund Committee

Need to form a group to discuss the draft MOU prepared by Youth Venture

V. Special Implementation Committee Co-Chairs Batton and Scott

Nothing to report

VI. Special Mayoral Candidates Forum Committee Co-Chairs Isozaki and Koulos

The title of the forum will be "Mayoral Candidates Forum on Youth and Children's Issues". The debate is confirmed for Thursday, March 2, 2006 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the City Council chambers. All three candidates have confirmed that they will attend. The Press-Telegram, The Grunion Gazette and Charter Communications have all expressed an interest in

assisting with, or covering the event. Harry Koulos is the contact for anyone wishing to discuss potential questions for the candidates. Among the list of proposed partners, they are contacting NCCJ, Operation Jump Start, Boys and Girls Club and other youth organizations.

b. Standing Items

I. Education and Youth Strategic Plan

There were no comments on the plan at this meeting.

II. District Level Youth Advisory Councils

Report on DLYAC meetings

Andrew Romero and the various youth Commissioners present reported on the following schedules for the District Level Youth Advisory Councils.

District 1 Discussed upcoming holiday events, a beach cleaning and toy drive

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District 3 Had not met yet. Looking for new members.

District 4 Did Not Meet

District 5 Also working on getting new members.

District 6 Did Not Meet

District 7 Planning a food drive

District 8 On Sat Oct 29, doing a clean-up.

District 9 Having a Halloween dance at 5:30pm at Houghton Park.

III. Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force (Oct 10)

The new CYC youth representatives, Phillip Penn and Harry Koulos attended their first Task Force meeting, where they were introduced to the Task Force. It was a quick meeting, and the retreat was postponed again, so they are gearing up to get moving again. Rene Castro discussed the NCJJ facilitator training program. They went over the normal police updates. Dr. Patricia Rose is operating the Center for Community Engagement, and looking to partner with the Task Force. Their next meeting will be November 14.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming –

Outgoing –

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Dialogue on Commission's Calendar of Future Topics for 2006 –

The Commissioners discussed various and assorted topics they wished

to address in 2006. Christina Santos correlated the suggestions, and will prepare a chart of all suggestions.

It was moved by Commissioner Batton and seconded by Commissioner Penn to summarize collective comments from Commissioners and authorize staff to pursue scheduling for those issues deemed most important by the Commission.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 16 at 5:00 p.m.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Quintana and seconded by Commissioner Perez to adjourn the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children at 6:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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